

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment permitted to undergo an operation control based on the basis of a timer reservation by a user of the equipment,

the electronic equipment comprising:

setting means for setting a time designated by the user;

operation control means for controlling an operation of the electronic equipment in accordance with the time set by the setting means;

display means for displaying operation means for use in operating the electronic equipment;

display control means for controlling the display means so that when the electronic equipment is operative in accordance with the operation control means, specifie a predetermined display is carried out on the display means; and

designation detecting means for detecting designation of the user with respect to the specific predetermined display,

whereby wherein when designation of the user is detected by the designation detecting means, the operation control means conducts a control such that whereby the time set by the setting means is neglected and operation of the electronic equipment when the designation of the user is detected is continued.

--2. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when designation of user is detected by the designation detecting means, the display control means completes ~~that the specific predetermined display is carried out.~~

--3. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the setting means sets at least an end time of a predetermined operation of the electronic equipment.

--4. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 3,

wherein the operation control means is operative so that when designation of user is detected by the designation detecting means, a control is carried out such that even when a current time passes over the end time set by the setting means, the operation of the electronic equipment when ~~the designation of the user is detected~~ is continued.

--5. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 3,

wherein the setting means sets ~~kind~~ a plurality of

operations of the electronic equipment and respective start time times and end time times thereof.

--6. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 5,

which further comprises comprising:

memory means for storing data;

reproducing means for reproducing at least data stored ~~with respect to~~ in the memory means; and

recording means for recording data ~~with respect to~~ in the memory means,

wherein the setting means can select, as an operation of the electronic equipment, either reproduction operation by the reproducing means or recording operation by the recording means.

--7. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 5,

which further comprises comprising receiving means ~~in~~ which whereby desired data can be down-loaded from an external source,

wherein the setting means can select a down-load operation for down-loading data from the external source by the receiving means as the operation of the electronic equipment.

--8. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when designation of the user is detected by the designation detecting means, the operation control means ~~can~~ selectively conducts a control to neglect the time set by the setting means and to continue operation of the electronic equipment ~~when designation of the user is detected~~, or to cancel ~~or nullify~~ the time set by the setting means and to stop operation of the electronic equipment.

--9. (Currently Amended) An operation control method for an electronic equipment ~~which~~ that is permitted to undergo operation control ~~based on the basis of~~ a timer reservation by a user of the equipment,

the method ~~including comprising:~~

a setting step of setting a time designated by the user;

an operation control step of controlling an operation of the electronic equipment in accordance with the set time;

a display control step of controlling display means so that when the electronic equipment is operative, ~~specifie~~ a predetermined display is carried out;

a designation detection step of detecting a designation of the user with respect to the ~~specifie~~ predetermined display; and

a step of conducting a control such that when the

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designation of the user is detected at the designation detection step, the set time is neglected and operation of the electronic equipment ~~when the designation of the user is detected~~ is continued.